

REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated October 31, 2008 relating to the subject patent application. Based on the foregoing claim amendments and the following remarks, the Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the amended claims and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-25 were pending in this patent application. Claims 15-25 are withdrawn. Claims 1-14 are currently pending.

Restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372

The Examiner requires the Applicant to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. The Examiner identifies the following groups of claims:

- Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to a method and kit therefor; and
- Group II, claims 16-25, drawn to computer readable medium.

The Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-14. Furthermore, the Applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) relating to the non-elected Group II, claims 15-25. Please note that on page 2, paragraph 1, of the Office Action dated October 31, 2008, the Examiner identifies Group II to encompass claims "16"-25. However, the Applicant is assuming that "16" is a typographical error and that Group II includes claims "15"-25 since claim 15 is also relating to computer readable medium.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-14 are in conditional for allowance and therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and the prompt issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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